

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 10 and 23-25 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 17, 26 and 27 are rejected. Claims 3, 4, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendments

Pursuant to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, claims 3, 4, and 14 have been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-13, 15-22 and 26-28 have been canceled. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments and respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

The Response

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 17, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,080,307 to Morris *et al.* ("Morris"). Upon further consideration of the prior art, the Examiner has applied Morris again, asserting, *inter alia*, that the canister (140) in Morris corresponds to a filter body, that the bracket (120) in Morris corresponds to a filter body support, and that the connection between the bracket (120) and canister (140) corresponds to connectors. *See* Office Action dated June 10, 2005 at page 2. Applicant respectfully submits that Morris fails to anticipate the referenced claims. In a sincere effort to place the remaining claims in a condition for allowance, however, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 17, 26 and 27. In view of the proposed amendments to claims 3, 4 and 14 and the Examiner's statement of allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims as amended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (213) 892-1800. Should any fee be required for any reason related to this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 11533.0012.CNUS06.

Respectfully submitted,

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